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LOK SABHA

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SETTING UP OF FLORICULTURE ZONE/ HUB
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up floriculture zone/hub in some parts of the country; and

(b) if so, the details and locations thereof and the time by which these are likely to be set up?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a)&(b): The Government of India has setup six Agri Export Zones (AEZs) in the country for development of floriculture and promotion of exports. These AEZs are in the States of Tamil Nadu (two AEZs) one in Dharmapuri district and another in Nilgiris district, one AEZ in Maharashtra covering the districts of Pune, Nasik, Kohlapur and Sangli, one AEZ in Karnataka covering the disgtricts of Bangalore Urban, Bangalore Rural, Belgaum, Kolar, Kodagu and Tumkur, one AEZ in Sikkim covering East Sikkim district and one AEZ in Uttarakhand covering the districts of Dehradun, Pant Nagar, Udham Singh Nagar, Nainital and Uttarkashi. In addition, the Government is implementing various schemes for the development of horticultural crops including floriculture. Under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes of (i) Technology Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture in North Eastern States (TMNE) including Sikkim, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir and Uttarkhand, being implemented since 2001-02 and (ii) National Horticulture Mission, being implemented since 2005-06, assistance is provided to the farmers for cultivation of flowers. Besides, National Horticulture Board is also providing assistance under the Scheme of `Development of Commercial Horticulture through Production and Post Harvest Management`, in which flowers are also covered.